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Getting to Seton Hall

From New York

From the George Washington Bridge, take Route 80 West to the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 145. Follow the service road to South Orange Avenue and turn right (West) on the Avenue. The University is about two miles on the left.

From the Lincoln Tunnel, follow Route S3 for about ten miles to the Garden State Parkway South, Exit 145, and proceed as above.

From Upstate New York, take the New York Thruway to the Garden State Parkway South, Exit 145, and proceed as above.

From New Jersey

From the North, take the Garden State Parkway South to Exit 145. Follow the service road to South Orange Avenue and turn right (West) on the Avenue. Go about two miles and the University is on the left.

From the South, take the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 144. Go West (left) on South Orange Avenue; the University is about two miles on the left.

From the West, go East on Route 22 to the Garden State Parkway North to Exit 144. Go West (left) on South Orange Avenue to the University.

From Harrison, take Route 280 West to Exit 9, Clinton Street. Follow the access road (Freeway Drive) to South Harrison Street which leads into South Center Street and, after two miles, joins South Orange Avenue. Seton Hall is located at this junction. Bear right onto the Avenue, then left through the main gate of the University.

From Jersey City, take Route 1-9 South to Newark Airport. Get on Route 24-78 West to Exit 50B. Follow Vauxhall Road to Valley Street. Turn right and follow Valley Street to South Orange Avenue. Turn right on the Avenue and proceed East for about a mile. The main gate of the University is on the right.

CAPTURING THE USABLE PAST



The New Jersey Committee
for The Humanities
and
The New Jersey Catholic
Historical Records Commission

A Symposium

CAPTURING THE USABLE PAST

Preserving and Interpreting
New Jersey's Social
and Cultural History
through Church Records

SATURDAY MARCH 21, 1981

Seton Hall University

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PARTICIPANTS

Jay Patrick Dolan is associate professor of history at Notre Dame University and director of the Center for the Study of American Catholicism there. He is the author of *The Immigrant Church: New York's Irish and German Catholics, 1815-1865*; *Catholic Revivalism: The American Experience, 1830-1900*; and numerous articles, and the editor of *The American Catholic Experience*.

Msgr. William N. Field is curator of archives, rare books and special collections at Seton Hall University. After eighteen years of service, he retired as University librarian in 1980.

Bernard M. Shanley, former special counsel and appointments secretary to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Newark attorney, has donated his papers to the Seton Hall University archives.

Howard Green is oral history director of the New Jersey Historical Commission, and has written and spoken extensively on the social history of New Jersey.

Alice Kendrick is director of oral history for the Lutheran Council of the United States of America.

Russell Gasero is archivist of the Dutch Reformed Church at New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Kenneth Rowe is professor of church history at Drew University and librarian of the Methodist Archives there.

George P. Browne is associate professor of history at Seton Hall University and director of oral history for the New Jersey Catholic Historical Records Commission. He has established oral history programs in this country and in Brazil.

Peter J. Wosh is archivist of Seton Hall University and custodian there of the Archives of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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DATE:

March 21, 1981

PLACE

Bishop John J. Dougherty
Student Center
Seton Hall University
South Orange, N.J. 07079

SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.

Registration and Coffee

10:00 A.M.

Welcome and Introduction:

Larry Greene, Chairman
Department of History, Seton Hall University

10:15 A.M.

"Writing Social and Cultural History
from Church Records"

Jay P. Dolan, Notre Dame University

12:00 A.M.

Luncheon

"Building a Significant Catholic Archives:
Dreams, Realities, Progress"

Msgr. William N. Field, Seton Hall University

"A Donor's Testimony"

The Honorable Bernard M. Shanley

1:30 P.M.

Panel: "Collecting, Organizing and Preserving
Source Material"

Russell Gasero, New Brunswick

Theological Seminary

Kenneth Rowe, Drew University

Peter J. Wosh, Seton Hall University

3:00 P.M.

Panel: "The Place of Oral History"

Howard Green, New Jersey

Historical Commission

George P. Browne, Seton Hall University

Alice Kendrick, Lutheran Council of the USA

4:30 P.M.

Summary and Conclusion:

Larry Greene, Seton Hall University

REGISTRATION FORM: CAPTURING THE USABLE PAST

Seton Hall University, Saturday, March 21, 1981

Name _____

Home Address _____

Registration and morning coffee @ \$2.00 per person _____

Luncheon _____

@ \$7.00 per person _____

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